



## United States Department of the Interior

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Shenandoah National Park  
3635 U.S. Hwy. 211 East  
Luray, Virginia 22835-9036

IN REPLY REFER TO:

August 22, 2005  
Ms. Ethel Eaton  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
2801 Kensington Avenue  
Richmond, VA, 23321

Dear Ethel:

Shenandoah National Park proposes to exchange park land for County land within the town of Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia. The exchange would involve slightly less than one-acre parcels of property and the action is necessary to allow Warren County to provide adequate turning lanes and an access road to the new Warren County High School west of Route #340 and south of Criser Road.

The park has surveyed the NPS property for historic structures and/or significant landscape features. We have also contracted with James Madison University to undertake archaeological survey. This work was completed in June, 2005.

We believe that this exchange will have no effect on historic features for the following reasons:

1. The exchange parcels are not within the Skyline Drive Historic District and their locations west of Route #340, which has been significantly altered in the past decade, suggests that the parcels will never be associated with the District
2. There are no historic (or any) structures on the parcels the NPS plans to exchange.
3. There are no landscape features; the tracts are both second growth scrub forest
4. The archaeological report (Letter Report attached) indicates that there are no significant archaeological features associated with Parcels 1 and 2, the subject of this consultation.

We therefore feel that this exchange will have no effect on significant cultural resources and request you concurrence in that finding.

Sincerely,

Reed L. Engle (signed)

## Attachments:

Letter Report  
Site Plan

I concur that the proposed land exchange of Parcels 1 & 2 (Routes #340 and Criser Road)  
will have no effect on cultural resources.

*Reed L. Engle*  
Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer

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Date

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